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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a); and
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